(b) There is unemployment in the category of ratings, although the exact number is not readily available.

(c) To increase availability of qualified Indian officers, the Government is also considering measures to enhance training facilities.

Bolangir-Khurda NH in Orissa

380. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds that have been allocated so far to Bolangir-Khurda *via* Sonepur, Boudh Nayagarh National Highways project of Orissa;

(b) the amount of funds that have been utilized so far;

(c) the reasons for delay in completing the said project; and

(d) the time limit under which the said project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Bolangir-Khurda *via* Sonepur, Boudh Nayagarh is a National Highway 224, Development and Maintenance funds for National Highways are allocated State-wise and not National Highway-wise.

(b) Since entrustment of this National Highway 224 to Orissa Public Works Department in January, 2005, an amount of Rs. 1.78 crore have been utilized for development and Rs. 5.28 crore for maintenance.

(c) and (d) There is no delay and the works are in progress.

Construction on NH-28, NH-57 and NH-31

†381. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 13 kms. stretch of road has been constructed out of total 513 kms. stretch under NH-28, NH-57 and NH-31 under East-West Corridor in Bihar under National Highways Development Project;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that huge bridges are yet to be contructed on many rivers including Bhutahi Balaan and Kamala Balaan rivers alongwith construction of mega bridge on river Kosi under this corridor but construction work is not being carried out as per the fixed target; and

(c) if so, comprehensive details thereof; and

(d) Government's viewpoint for speedy construction of the said work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) Bridges on river Bhutahi Balaan and Kamla Balaan are part of ongoing construction packages due for completion by December, 2008. The bridge on river Kosi is being taken up on BOT (Annuity) basis. The contract has been awarded and the construction work is likely to start by April, 2007.

Golden Quadrilateral in Bihar

†382. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under Phase-I and Phase-II of National Highways Development Project total length of Golden Quadrilateral in Bihar is 206 kilometers and the construction of which has not yet been completed.

(b) whether it is a fact that a proposal for construction of stretch between Dobhi point to Bodh Gaya, Jahanabad, Masaudhi through Patna on the Golden Quadrilateral under Phase-III National Highways Development Project is under consideration; and

(c) if so, the details thereof in the context of both the above sections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Out of a total length of 206 km. under Golden Quadrilateral in Bihar, 191 km. has been completed. The remaining length of 15 km. is under implementation.

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